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To: Baskin, Kathleen (EEA)
Subject: SWIMI

Dear Ms. Baskin:

I am writing to strongly urge you to revise your approach on stream flows to a "safe yield" water management plan to protect rivers and streams across the Commonwealth throughout the year.

It is critical to establish a process of gradual restoration of degraded rivers, streams and wetlands and adopt a protective safe yield and permit system limiting water withdrawals consistent with the latest research.

With the predictions of wetter winters and drier summers resulting from the changing climate, this kind of seasonal response becomes all the more critical to protect our river dwellers. If we permit portions of streams to go dry by not taking into consideration seasonal fluctuations, we will surely see disastrous results.

Sally Underwood-Miller, Secretary/Member
Stockbridge Conservation Commission



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